

A Resolution Requesting that the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____ Protect Workers from Union Violence

WHEREAS, Every American has the right to expect a workplace free of violence; and

WHEREAS, Some labor unions have resorted to violence, bribery, and extortion in their workplace unionization campaigns; and

WHEREAS, This violence has not only confined itself to the workplace, but has spilled over into other areas of American civic life (including political campaigns); and

WHEREAS, The people have a constitutional right to expect their free speech exercises to be respected by their fellow citizens and protected by law; and

WHEREAS, Congress has in the past sought to restrict union violence via the Hobbs Act, which was thrown out by judicial activism,

RESOLVED, That the _____ [House/Senate] of the state of _____ requests that the Congressmen and Senators from our state vote to reauthorize the Hobbs Act to restrict union violence.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

If you have any questions about this sample resolution, please contact Amanda Hydro at Americans for Tax Reform at (202) 785-0266.

Unions routinely use violence as a technique to organize workforces, intimidate opponents, and keep existing members in line. One common method of union violence is so-called "card-check" campaigns, in which a kind of petition to institute a union in a workplace replaces free and administered secret ballot elections. This atmosphere has led to bribery and violence to get signatures. Another aspect of union violence was the coordinated assault efforts against Bush-Cheney 2004 campaign workers and volunteers from Minnesota to New Hampshire to Florida. For more information on union violence, go to the NLPC's Organized Labor Accountability Project: <http://www.nlpc.org/olap.asp>.